

# Federal Program Officer Training Manual

## Noncompetitive Application Processing

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#### **Document Conventions**

#### Overview

Welcome to the Grants Online Training Manual. This manual is set up to provide you with step-by-step information to accomplish tasks within Grants Online. The manual is logically sequenced based on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Grants lifecycle process and is written to address your role within Grants Online.

## Using this Guide

Use the following writing conventions as a guide in using the manual. The manual uses block label text in order to scan for the information desired.

## Text Conventions

Text; Example

What it means.

Text in Bold; Click Done

Indicates a command.

Text in Italics; RFA Details screen

appears.

Indicates a screen.

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## Notes and Warnings

Notes and Warnings are used to indicate information or advisories when using Grants Online.



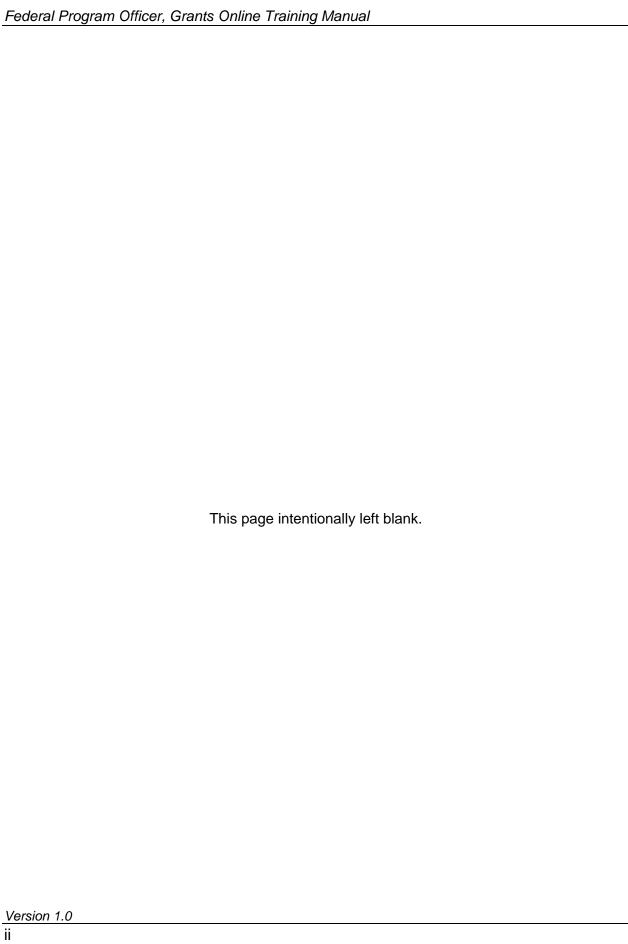
**Note:** A note is used to inform you about additional information

during the procedure or process.



Warning!

Business process may not work as desired or a procedure may produce an undesirable effect.



#### **Grants Online Overview**

#### Overview

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) offers a variety of competitive and non-competitive grants or awards to various communities including States, Universities, and non-profit organizations. Prior to the advent of Grants Online, the processing of grants was a paper-based task involving time-consuming human interactions and program polices to process the grants and to ensure the awarding of the grant is given to the most qualified applicant for a competitive award, and for qualified designated applicants of non-competitive awards.

As part of its strategy to move scientifically and operationally into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Grants Online was developed. Grants Online is an E-Government initiative to create an automated tool that will support the grant evaluation, award, management and operations process. Grants Online significantly streamlines and unifies grants processing throughout all of NOAA, allowing the agency to increase efficiencies related to mission goals.

Grants Online is developed to answer several issues that occur during the award processing including:

- Reducing or eliminating paper forms for application.
- Providing an interface with Grants.gov to ensure applicants can apply for grants electronically.
- Reducing the processing time by incorporating workflows between Federal Program Officers (FPO), Grants Management Division (GMD), Financial Assistance Legal Division (FALD), and Reviewers.
- Serving the NOAA community in its efforts to meet its mission goals more effectively.

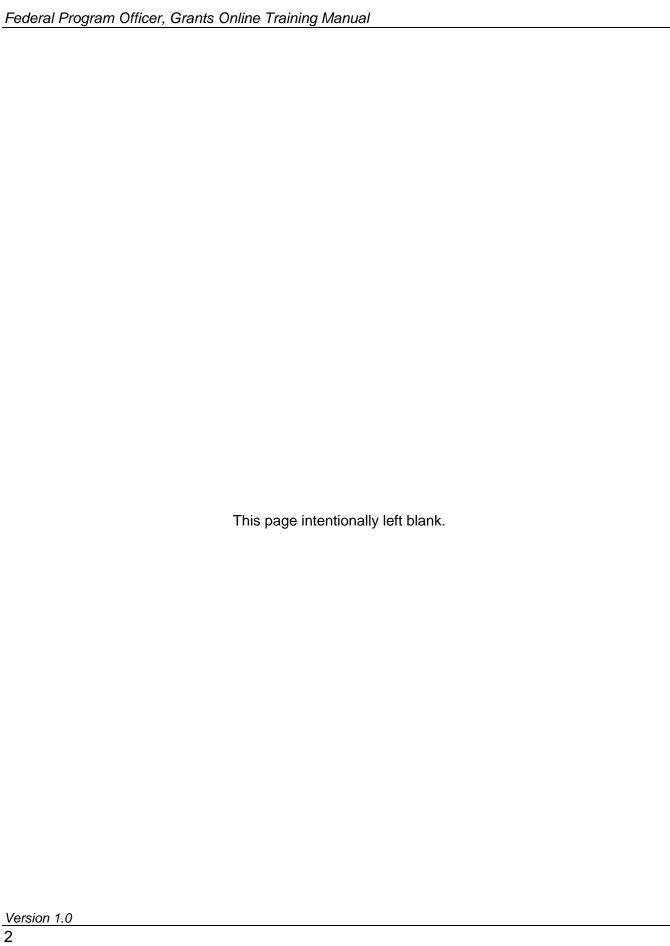
#### **Grants Online Software Description**

## About Grants Online

Grants Online operates in a web environment. As such, you will be required to use an internet browser to log in and use Grants Online. No software is required for installation. As Grants Online is web-based, you may access the system anywhere at anytime provided that you have internet access. Logins and passwords are required and will be relayed to you once you are established within the system.



**Note:** You must have an Internet connection in order to access Grants Online.



#### **Getting Started**

#### Overview

When you are using any Windows-based software, navigation and ease of use are key components. Grants Online incorporates an intuitive Graphic User Interface (GUI) that assists end users to navigate and use the system appropriately. In Grants Online, all actions within the system can be made through mouse and keyboard. In this module, you will be shown the basics of Grants Online, including the look and feel of the system, navigation, and user customizations.

Grants Online is accessible through your web browser, specifically Internet Explorer.

#### Accessing Grants Online

- 1. Click on the Internet Explorer Icon on your desktop
  - Internet Explorer browser opens
- 2. Enter the following URL information in your address bar of your browser: <a href="http://www.grantsonline.noaa.gov">http://www.grantsonline.noaa.gov</a> then press **ENTER** 
  - Grants Online Login page appears

#### Logging in to Grants Online

1. If you haven't already, contact the Grants Online Help Desk to obtain your Username and Password.

• Phone: 301-713-1000

Email: grantsonline.helpdesk@noaa.gov

- 2. Enter your assigned *Username*
- 3. Enter your assigned *Password*
- 4. Click Enter





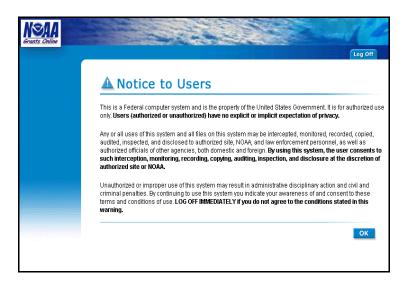
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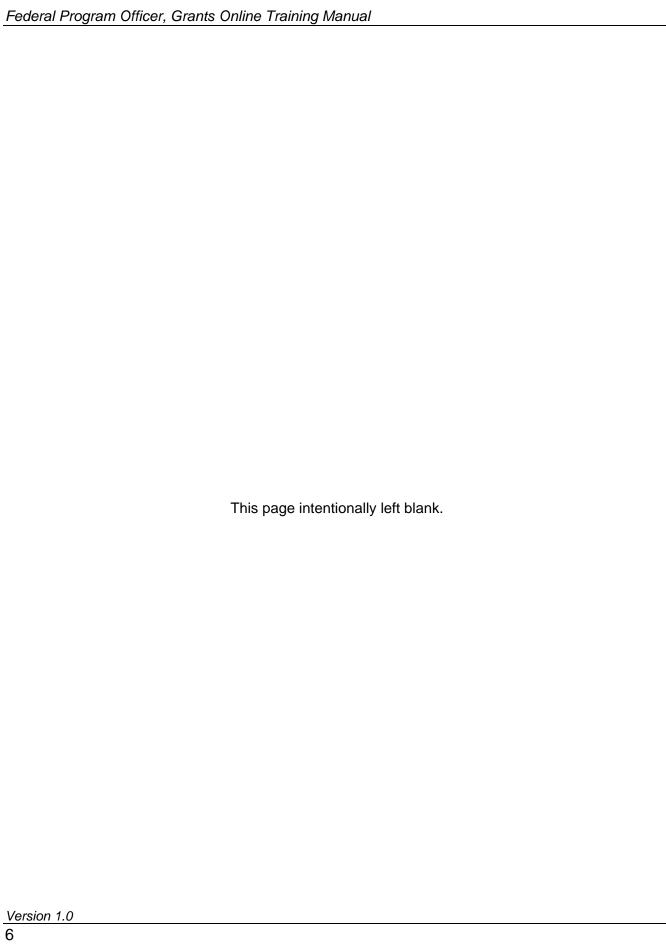
If you entered your username or password incorrectly you will see an error message in red on the screen. After three unsuccessful attempts to log in, the system will lock you out and you will have to contact the Grants Online Help Desk to unlock your account

If nothing happens when you click enter, it means the server is down and will need to be restarted.

#### Logging in to Grants Online

- 5. The Notice to Users screen appears
- 6. Review disclaimer information and click **OK**





#### **Processing an Application**

#### Overview

In this manual, you will learn how to input a paper application into the Grants Online system, as well as how to process that application.

#### Manual Objectives

The Noncompetitive Application Processing manual will review the following objectives:

- Input a Paper Application
- Perform the Minimum Requirements Check
- Conduct Negotiations
- Complete the PO Checklist, NEPA Document and Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds (Grants File)
- Forward Grants File to GMD

#### **Inputting a Paper Application**

If an applicant sends in a paper application to NOAA as opposed to submitting through Grants.gov, the FPO will need to input that application into the Grants Online system. The steps provided during this section will demonstrate how you can accomplish this action. During this time you should also be working on scanning this application into electronic PDF files that you will later upload to the system.

\*\* If the applicant submitted their proposal through Grants.gov, go directly to page 19 of this manual.\*\*

#### How to Input a Paper Application

- 1. Click on the Pre-Award Tab
- 2. Click on the **Create** hyperlink to input a new paper application





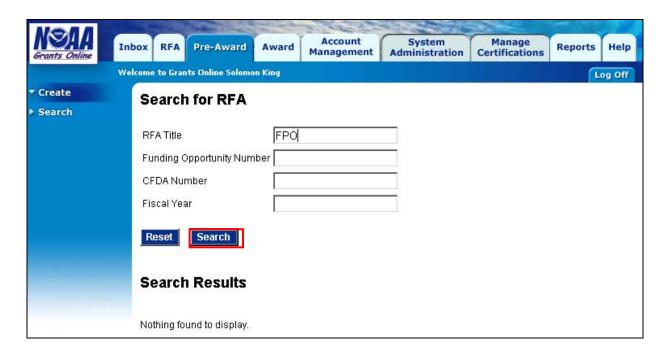
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If you click on the **Search** option you can search an existing application within the Grants Online System. This application could have been submitted either through Grants.gov or through this manual process.

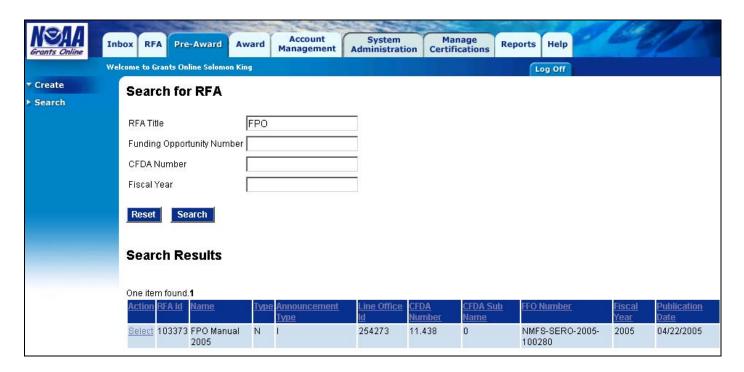
3. Click on the Input Paper Application hyperlink



- 4. The Search for RFA screen displays. The system wants you to identify the RFA that this application belongs with
- 5. Type query information into at least one of the searchable fields
- 6. Click the **Search** button



- 7. Your search results will display.
- 8. Click the **Select** hyperlink next to the RFA you wish to add the application to





Note: If your search yielded no responses, that means your RFA is not listed as published. You can only input a paper application to a published RFA

- 9. The Create Application Header screen appears. Use the information on the SF424 to populate the following mandatory fields:
  - a. Applicant Name "Applicant Information", (box 5 on the SF424)
  - b. Applicant Type Box 7 on the SF424
  - c. Applicant State "Applicant Information", (box 5 on the SF424)
  - d. DUNS Number "Applicant Information", (box 5 on the SF424)
  - e. EIN Number Box 6 on the SF424
  - f. Application Received Date
  - g. Total Funding Box 15g on the SF424
- 10. Click the **Save** button





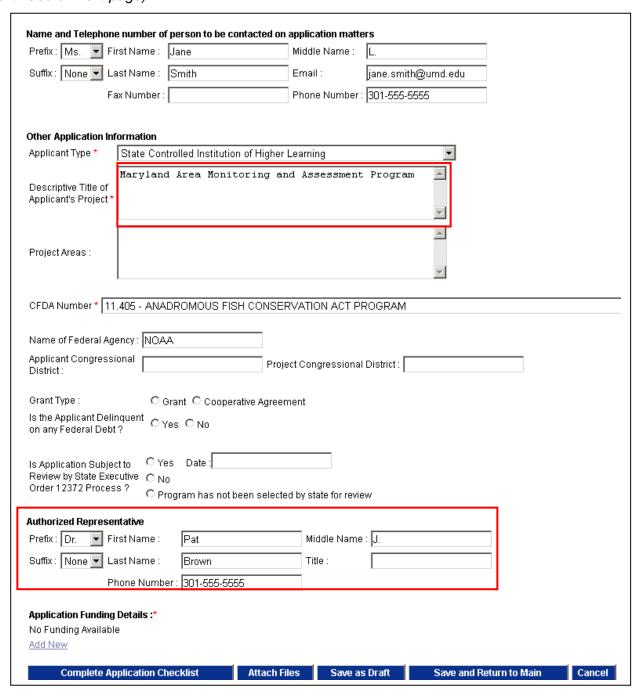
Once you click Save, the basis for an application is created. You can continue to enter the information (see steps 11-XX on the following pages), or you can complete it at a later time. If you choose to complete it another time, follow the following steps: Go to the RFA tab, search and select the RFA, scroll down the page and click on the <a href="Application">Application</a> hyperlink under Associated Documents, and then click on the <a href="Go to Application Details Page">Go to Application Details Page</a> hyperlink to continue working on the application.

- 11. The *Create Application* screen appears (the picture below is only the top half of the screen). Enter the mandatory fields, as well as any other information that you would like to include (remember that you will be uploading the scanned copies of this application to the system)
  - a. Proposal Number (this is an optional field, and is an area that allows for the FPO to assign a proposal number to the application)
  - b. Project Start Date (required) Box 13 on SF424
  - c. Project End Date (required) Box 13 on SF424
  - d. Total Funding (pre-populates from previous screen)
  - e. Legal Name (pre-populates from previous screen)
  - f. DUNS Number (pre-populates from previous screen)
  - g. EIN Number (pre-populates from previous screen)

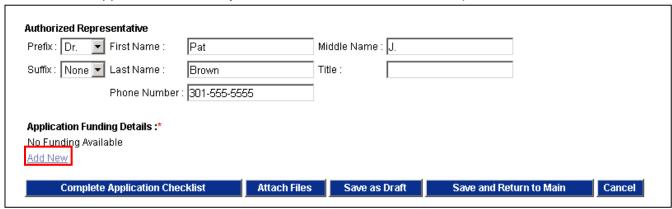
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Application Submission Type and Date Im	formation			
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Project Start Date * 08/01/2005	Project End Date *	07/31/2007	Total Funding *	200,000.00
Submitted Date * 04/20/2005	State Received Date :		Federal Agency Received Date	:
Applicant Identifier :	State Application Identifier	:	Federal Identifier :	
Applicant Information				
Legal Name * University of Mar	yland			
Department Name :				
Division Name :				
Duns Number * (9 or 13 digit number) 123456789	EIN Number * (xx-xxxxxxx)	12-1234567		
Street: 123 Main Street				
City: College Park	County:			
State * Maryland	Country: USA		Zip : 12345	

Continue entering information on the bottom half of the *Create Application* screen (Please note: the picture below represents the bottom portion of the Grants Online screen – you may have to scroll down to see it)

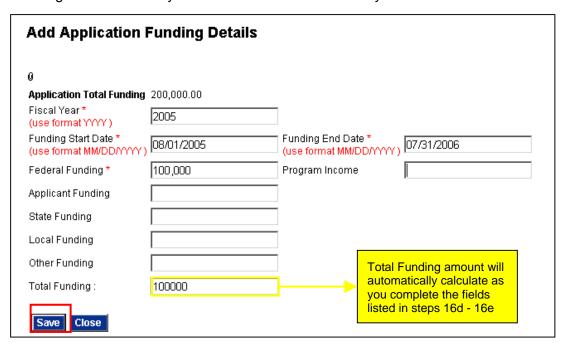
- 12. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project (required) Box 11 on SF424
- 13. Authorized Representative Box 18a on SF424 *(continued on next page)*



14. Click on **Add New** link (Please note: the picture below represents the bottom portion of the *Create Application* screen – you will have to scroll down to see it)



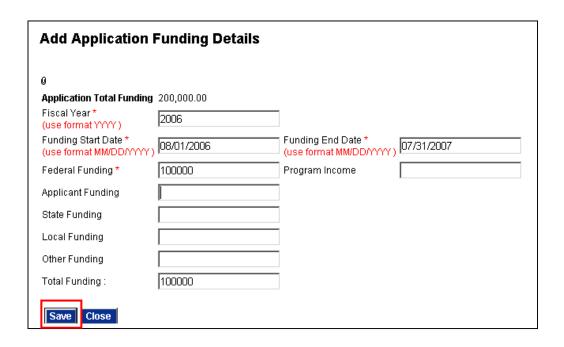
- 15. Enter the information requested in the fields below (as seen on the SF424)
  - a. Fiscal Year
    b. Funding Start Date
    c. Funding End Date
    If this is a multi year award, you will want to enter the start and end date for the first year of the award, as well as the funding amount for that first year. Repeat process for additional years.
  - d. Federal Funding Box 15a on SF424
  - e. Applicant, State, Local, Other, Program fields Boxes 15b-f on SF424
- 16. Click **Save** to capture changes and move forward
- 17. Clicking **Close** will take you out of the screen and allow you to start over



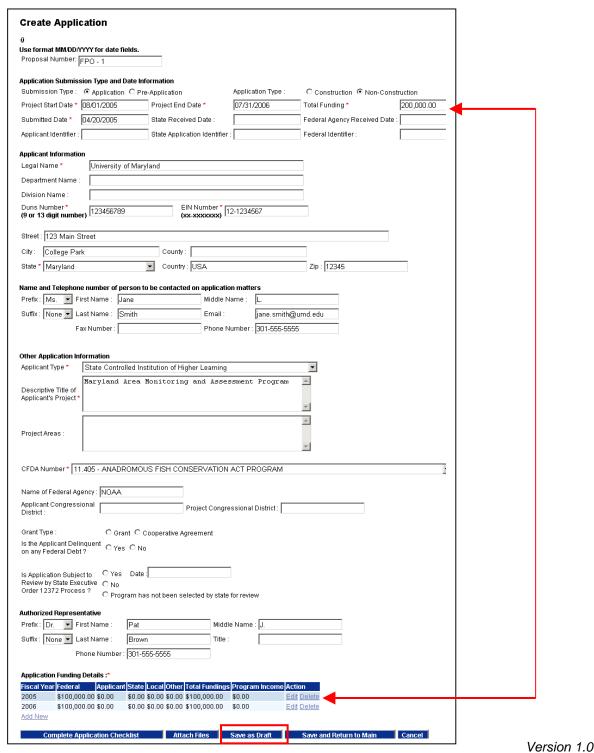
- 18. Note that one year of funding has been identified under Application Funding Details. If this had been a one-year award, the entire funding amount would have been entered during steps 15-17 on the previous page. However, since this is a multi year award, I'm going to click **Add New** and provide the information for my second and last year of funding.
  - (Please note: the picture below represents the bottom portion of the *Create Application* screen which you will have to scroll down to see it)



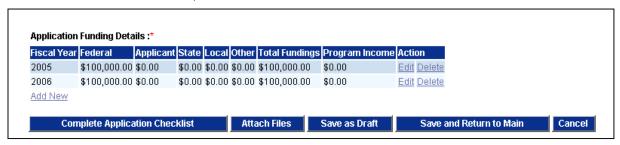
- 19. Enter in the data for the second year of funding (follow steps 15-17 as a reference)
- 20. Click **Save** to capture data and move forward
  - a. Click **Close** if you wish to exit the screen



- 21. Note that the Total Funding equals the sum of the *Application Funding Details* amounts for FY05 and FY06
- 22. Click **Save as Draft** to capture the information entered. (See next page for explanation of other buttons)



(Please note: the picture below represents the bottom portion of the *Create Application* screen – you will have to scroll down to see it)



#### **Complete Application Checklist**

(Picture of checklist shown on next page)

 This is an optional action that displays a tracking sheet that helps you maintain the attachments you have received from the recipient.

#### **Attach Files**

(Picture of Attach File screen shown on next page)

- Clicking this option will allow you to upload documents that are associated with this
  application. This is where you upload the scanned documents you received from the
  applicant.
  - If you forget to attach the documents at this point you will be able to do so during the conduct negotiations stage

#### Save as Draft

• This button will capture all the information on the page and leave you on this page. If you get a message in RED at the top of the screen it means there is an error. Correct the error and then click Save as Draft again.



**Note**: If you receive a message in red after clicking **Save** it means the system did NOT capture what was entered – that mandatory information was not provided, or was not in the correct format.

#### Save and Return to Main

This will capture the changes you've made and will initiate workflow. Once you click
this button a task to conduct minimum requirements will go to the person identified in
routing (on the RFA)

#### Cancel

 This button will ignore any recent changes you made to the screen and will take you back one page.

Screen shot of the page you see when you click the

#### Complete Application Checklist

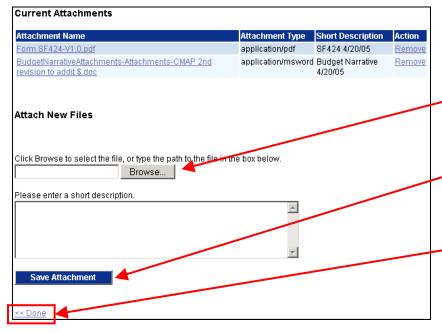
button:

Paper Application Checklist				
	Received	Not Received	Not Required	
SF424A:	•	0	0	
SF424B:	•	0	0	
SF424C:	0	0	•	
SF424D:	0	0	•	
SFLLL:	0	0	•	
CD511:	0	•	0	
CD346:	0	0	•	
COP Summary Proposal Budget:	0	0	•	
Marfin Proposal Budget:	0	0	•	
Project Budget NOAA Form 88-205:	0	0	•	
Save Cancel				

This checklist is used as a tool for you to track the documents that were included with the paper If you are application. missing a document that you required you should contact the applicant and have them send the document to you. You can continue to process the application and upload any edits, revisions, etc. during the Conduct Negotiations (p. 24) phase of processing.

Click **Save** to capture the changes you made to the checklist or click **Cancel** to go back to the *Create Application* page.

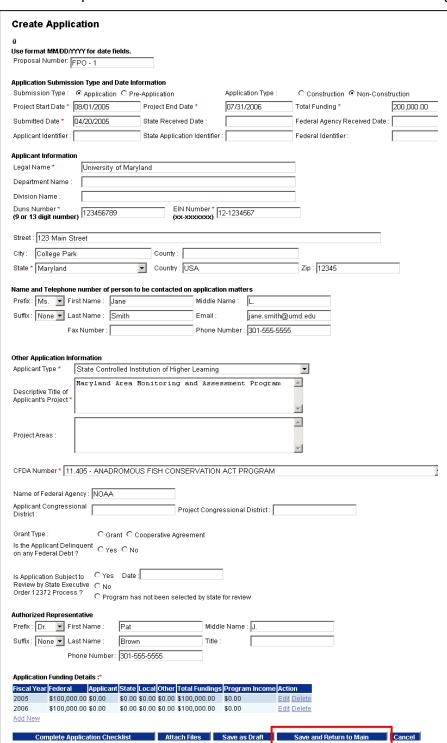
Screen shot of the page you see when you click the Attach Files button:



Please upload any scanned attachments relating to this proposal package here. Click Browse... to search and select the document you wish to upload, enter a short description and then click Save Attachment to save the document to Grants Online. Once you are done uploading attachments, click the << Done link. All of your uploaded documents will display under the Current Attachments heading.

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23. Once you are confident that you have entered all the information, and uploaded the relevant attachments, click **Save and Return to Main**. This will initiate workflow and will send a task to "Review Minimum Requirements Checklist" to the individual selected in Routing (RFA Details).



#### **Performing Minimum Requirements**

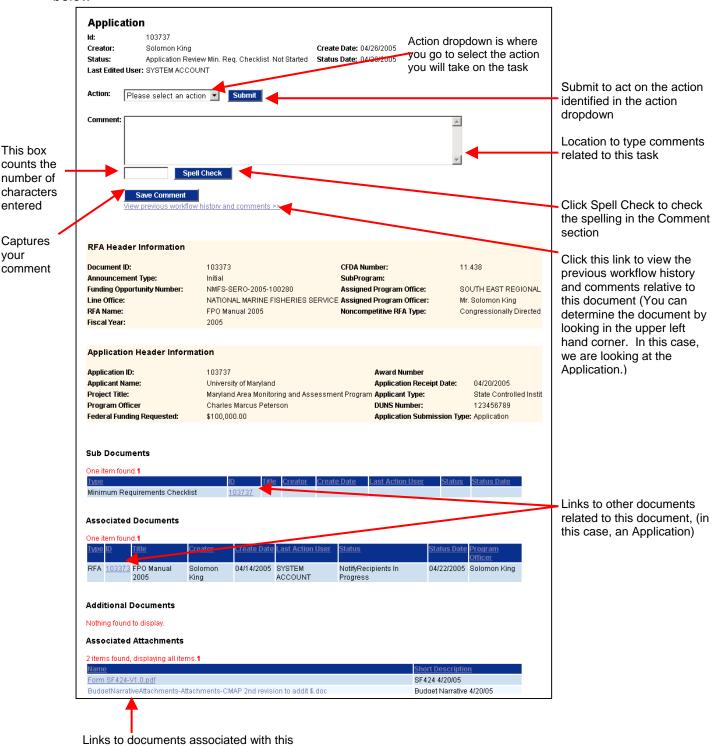
Once an application has either been submitted electronically through Grants.gov, or input manually through the process listed on the previous pages, the FPO will have to perform a Minimum Requirements Check. The items on the checklist represent specific criteria identified by the program officer who created the RFA. It is YOUR choice as the FPO to decide whether to Approve or Reject the application. We examine the steps taken to either Approve or Reject below.

#### Minimum Requirements Checklist

- Navigate to your Inbox Tasks screen
- 2. To act on the task click the **View** link next to the task name Review Min. Reg. Checklist



 Task screen appears – The format for all tasks is the same. The page layout is described below



document (in this case, an Application)

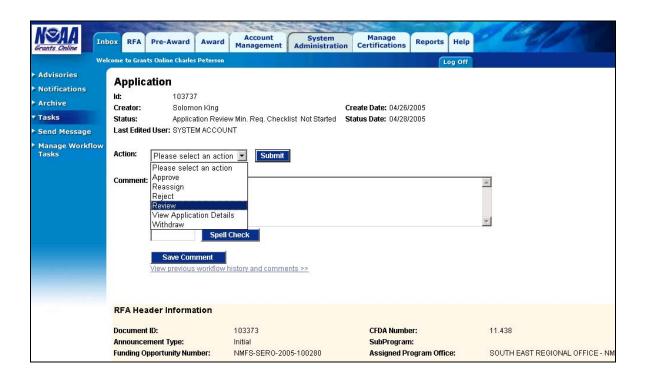
- 3. Click on the arrow by the action dropdown and select an action
- 4. Click Submit to work on that action
  - a. <u>Approve</u> this action approves the Minimum Requirements Checklist (means the applicant meets the most basic of requirements – eligibility, complete application, etc).



Warning

Once you select Approve and click Submit, you will initiate workflow – a task will be sent to the individual identified in the RFA routing to conduct negotiations

- b. <u>Reassign</u> This allows for you to reassign this task to another program officer. Whoever conducts the Minimum Requirements checklist will be the program officer of record, and will be the individual who will also conduct negotiations, as well as work on the PO Checklist, NEPA document, and Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds.
- Reject This action will reject the application. Once you select Reject and click Submit
  you will not be able to reverse the rejection
- d. Review This action allows you to view the minimum requirements and enter information into the document
- e. <u>View Application Details</u> This action allows you to view the details relating to this submitted application
- f. <u>Withdraw</u> This action will be performed when the user informs you that they no longer wish to be considered for this opportunity

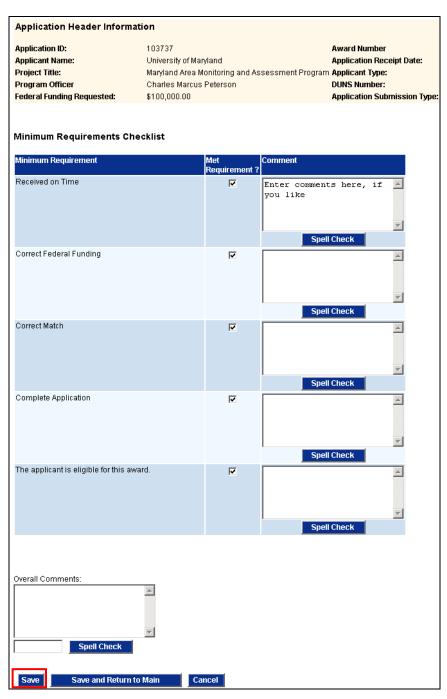


5. Check if the applicant met the requirement – and feel free to enter comments.



**Note**: You as the Program Officer have the power to say the applicant met the Minimum Requirements – the system will not check for you. You are the deciding factor as to whether this application goes on for further review.

6. Click **Save** to capture the information and stay on this page, click **Save and Return to Main** to continue working on your task

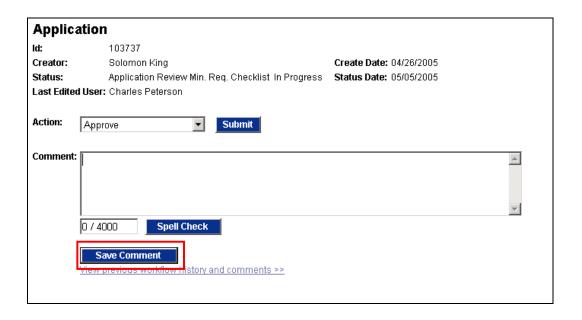


- 7. Select Approve from the Action dropdown
  - a. Enter and Save any comments if you'd like
- 8. Click Submit



Warning!

Once you select Approve and click Submit, you will initiate workflow – a task will be sent to your inbox to conduct negotiations



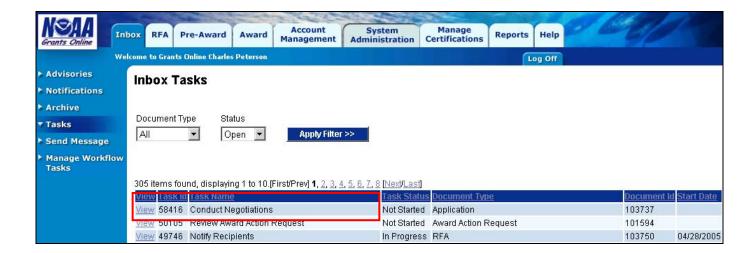
#### **Conduct Negotiations**

The Conduct Negotiations phase is a critical phase of processing during Grants Online. This step allows for a user to do the following:

- Assign a new award number or associate an award number
- Identify the agreed upon start and end date for the award
- · Identify the final negotiated funding amount for the award
- Associate an organization to the award
- Associate an Authorized Official to the award
- Break out any funding years (if needed)
- Attach any files to the application (updated documents, reviewer responses, etc.)

#### **Conducting Negotiations**

1. <u>View</u> the Conduct Negotiations task in your task inbox



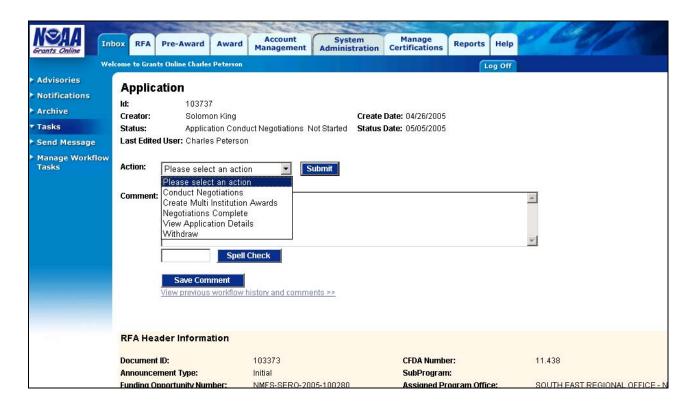
#### **Conducting Negotiations**

- 2. Select an action from the dropdown (for the purpose of the manual, we are selecting Conduct Negotiations)
  - a. <u>Conduct Negotiations</u> This action will open the application (page that looks similar to SF424) and allow you to make changes
  - b. <u>Create Multi Institution Awards</u> This action will allow you to work on creating a Multi Institution Award
  - c. Negotiations Complete this is the option you select when you are finished negotiating
  - d. <u>View Application Details</u> This action allows for you to view the details of the submitted application
  - e. <u>Withdraw</u> this is the option you would select if the applicant informed you they no longer wish to be considered for the grant.



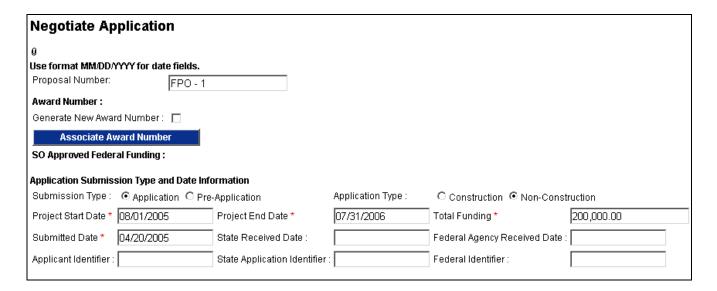
**Warning!** You cannot reverse the action of Withdrawing an application. Only do this if you are SURE the applicant no longer wishes to be considered for an award.

#### 3. Click Submit



**Conducting Negotiations** (Screen shots displayed during this section will represent pieces of the screen – the overall screen is too large to put on one page of the manual) If you do not see the same picture, you will have to scroll down on your page.

- 1. Enter a Proposal Number this is an optional field. This field will be very useful in identifying individual proposals and is especially helpful when receiving many submittals.
- 2. Award Number (you must select one see following pages for further detail):
  - a. You will want to either Generate a New Award Number (by clicking the checkbox) OR
  - b. Associate Award Number use this if the application is for a continuation (see below and page 33 for more details)



#### **Conducting Negotiations** (Associate Award Number)

- 2. Type in the Award Number
- Click Search

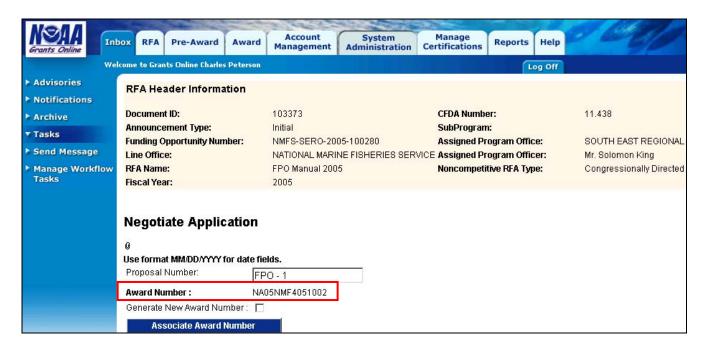


#### Conducting Negotiations (Associate Award Number)

- 4. Search results will display
- 5. Click the **Select** link next to the award you would like to associate this application to.

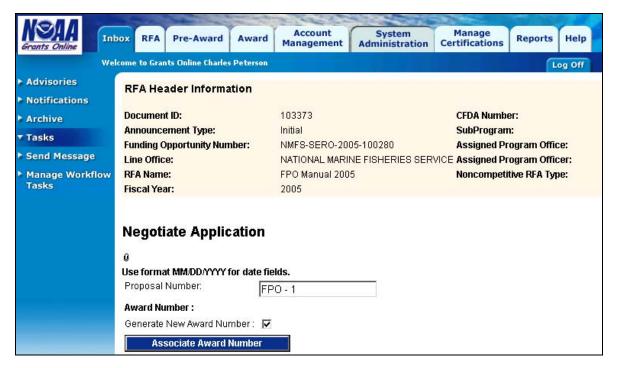


Associated Award Number Displays



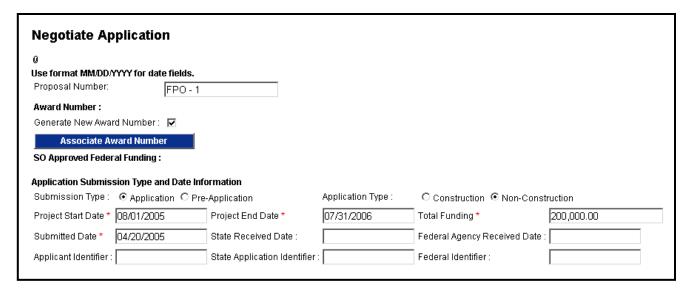
#### Conducting Negotiations (Generate New Award Number)

- To create a new award number click the checkbox next to Generate New Award Number
- 2. Once we finish negotiating, and click Save (at the bottom of the page) this new award number will generate.



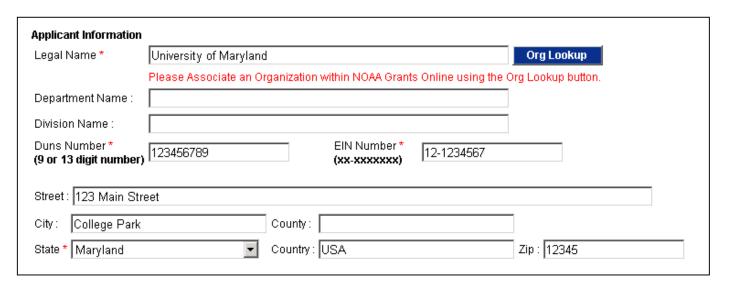
#### Conducting Negotiations (Application Submission Type and Date Information)

- 1. Check the project start and end dates to make sure the information is accurate
- 2. Update the Total Funding amount if necessary. Note, whatever you enter as the total funding is the amount that GMD is going to review for approval. If this amount changed since the applicant's initial submittal, the FPO must make that change now.



#### **Conducting Negotiations** (Applicant Information)

1. Click on the Org Lookup button to associate an organization to this proposal

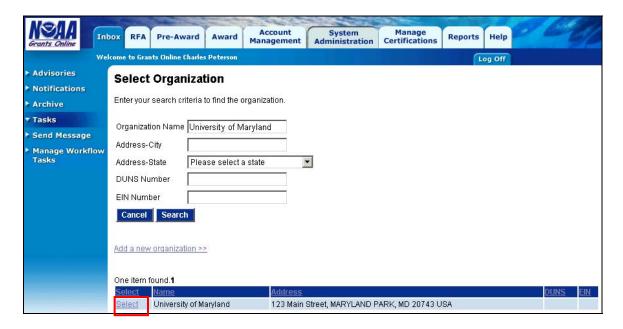


#### **Conducting Negotiations** (Applicant Information)

- 1. Select Organization screen displays
- 2. Enter Search Criteria (select one or more from the list below)
  - a. Organization Name
  - b. Address City
  - c. Address State
  - d. DUNS Number
  - e. EIN Number
- Click Search

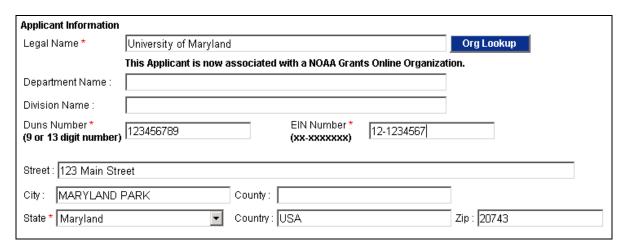


4. Click the **Select** button next to the organization you wish to select



# **Conducting Negotiations** (Applicant Information)

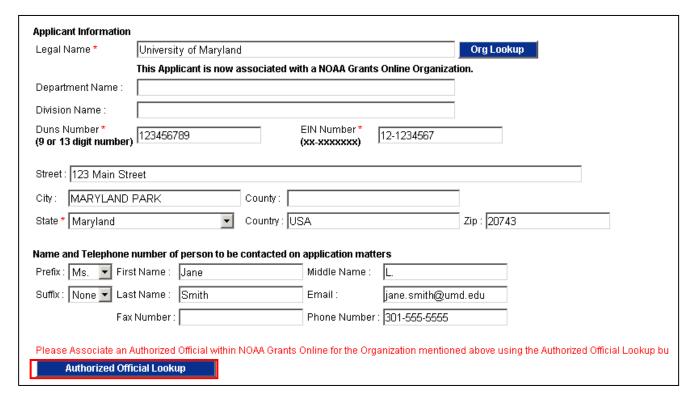
5. Organization information displays





Note: You can edit the information that was populated. Also, check to make sure the DUNS number is a 9 digit number, and if not, add leading zero's (0) to the number. Also check to make sure there is a – in the EIN number.

- 6. Select an Authorized Official for the recipient organization
- 7. Click the Authorized Official Lookup button



## **Conducting Negotiations** (Applicant Information)

- 8. Available Authorized Officials for this organization display
- 9. Click the <u>Select</u> link next to the person you wish to identify as the Authorized Official for the organization

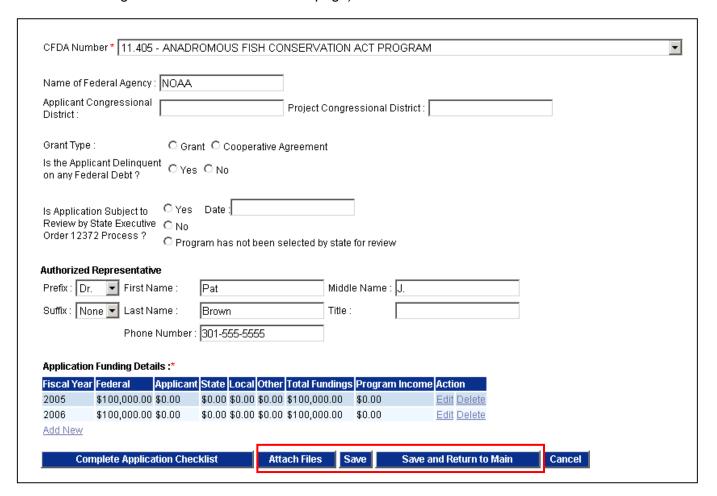


10. The Authorized Official is now associated to the application

Applicant Information								
Legal Name *	University of Maryland				Org Lookup			
	This Applicant is now a	ssociated wit	th a NOAA Grant	s Online Organizati	ion.			
Department Name :								
Division Name :								
Duns Number* (9 or 13 digit number)	123465789		EIN Number * (xx-xxxxxxx)	12-1234567				
Street : 123 Main Str	eet							
City: MARYLAND I	PARK	County:						
State * Maryland	▼	Country: US	SA .		Zip : 20743			
Name and Telephone number of person to be contacted on application matters								
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This Applicant is now associated with a NOAA Grants Online Authorized Official.  Authorized Official Lookup								
Authorized Offi	CIAI LOOKUP							

## Conducting Negotiations (Additional Information)

- 11. Look over the rest of the information on the screen and check it for accuracy.
  - a. If this is a multi-year award, make sure the years are broken down under the *Application Funding Details* section
- 12. Click **Save** to capture the information (if you get a message in red at the top of the screen, be sure to make the necessary changes and click Save again red messages indicate that your work is not being saved, that the system is looking for additional data)
- 13. Click the **Attach Files** link to upload any additional documents revised forms, reviewer comments, etc.
- 14. Click **Save and Return to Main** to go back to your task (refer to page 16 for a description of remaining buttons at the bottom of the page)





Note: Once you click Save, a new Award Number is generated (that is, if you selected to generate a new award number)

# Conducting Negotiations (Final Steps)

- 1. Once you are sure the negotiations are complete (that you've generated an award number, entered the appropriate funding, attached relevant documents, etc), you can continue on
- 2. Select Negotiations Complete
- 3. Click Submit

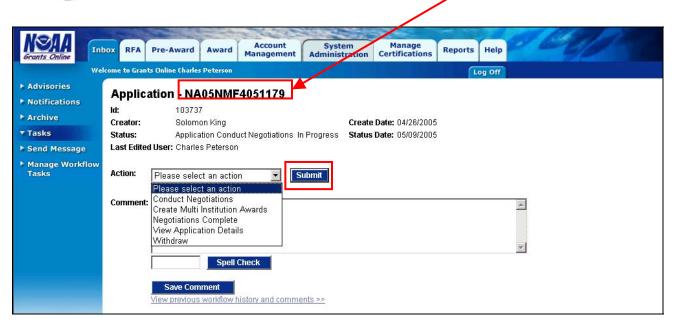


#### Warning!

Once you select Negotiations Complete, and click Submit, Workflow is initiated. You will now receive three (3) new Tasks in your inbox: PO Checklist, NEPA and Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds.



Note: The new award number is displayed by the Application header title



### **PO Checklist**

Once the PO Checklist is complete, a task is immediately sent to your inbox to Certify Revise the Award file. This award file is the repository for the PO Checklist, the NEPA Document and the Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds (CD435). In order to complete the PO Checklist, you will provide information on the following topics

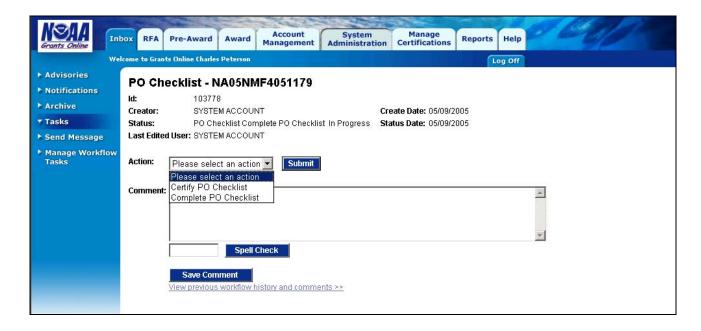
- General Award Information
- Basis of Selection
- Matching Requirements

### Completing the PO Checklist

1. <u>View</u> the Complete PO checklist task in your task inbox



- 2. Select Complete PO Checklist
- 3. Click Submit



- 4. PO Checklist screen appears
- 5. Select appropriate radial button under General Award Information
- 6. Enter Statutory Authority
- 7. Select Basis of Selection
- 8. Select Performance Progress Reports Frequency
- 9. Select Final Report
  - a. Comprehensive this means the last report will be a comprehensive report on the award
  - b. Final Report this means the last report will include information from the final reporting period

PO Checklist						
General Award Information  NOAA Award Number: NA05NMF4051179  Application Organization: University of Maryland State: MD						
Statutory Authority Enter information about Statutory Authority here						
Project Description/Abstract						
Basis of Selection Guidance						
C Competitive						
Non-Competitive						
C Congressionally Directed (Soft Earmark)						
C Institutional (designated by Grants Office)						
○ Formula/Allotment						
C Congresionally Mandated (Hard Earmark)						
Performance Progress Reports Frequency						
Semi-Annually						
C Annually (for multi-year/institutional)						
C Quarterly						
Final Report						
C Last Report						

- Review Conflict of Interest/Post Employment Restrictions 10.
- 11. Matching Requirements (see below for description)
  - Click Add New a.

#### Conflict of Interest/Post Employment Restrictions Guidance

Is there a former DOC employee working for the applicant who represented or will represent the applicant before DOC or another Federal agency regarding this application and/or subsequent award or who has been involved in the merit review and/or selection process?

 No ○YES If YES, Attach Files

## Matching Requirements: Guidance

No Matching Requirements have been defined

Add New

### **Analysis of Matching Requirements**

\$200,000.00 Negotiated Federal Share: Total Federal Share (from Matching Requirements): \$0.00 Negotiated Non-Federal Share: \$0.00 Total Required Non-Federal Share: \$0.00 Voluntary Non-Federal Share: \$0.00

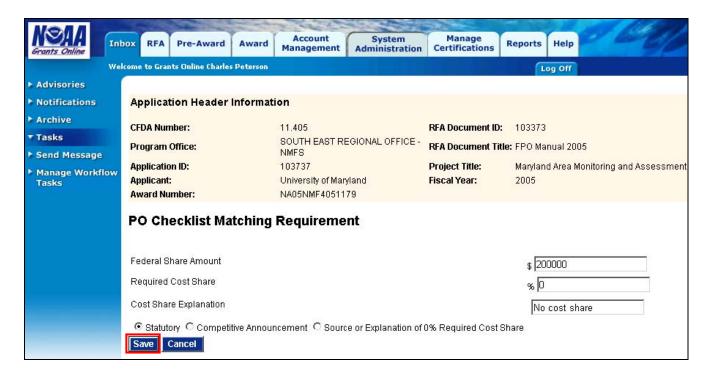
The term Matching Requirements, as it is used on this screen does NOT relate to the recipient providing a match. What the system is looking for is that you as the FPO "match" the Negotiated Federal Share to the Total Federal Share (from Matching Requirements)

### Minority Serving Institution

Does this award include any subaward to a Minority Serving Institution? MSI Coordinator: Homer Fong

No ○YES

- 12. PO Checklist Matching Requirement screen appears
- 13. Enter Federal Share Amount [you do not need commas (,) or decimal points(.)]
- 14. Enter Required Cost Share
- 15. Provide a brief explanation
- 16. Select appropriate Radial button
- 17. Click Save



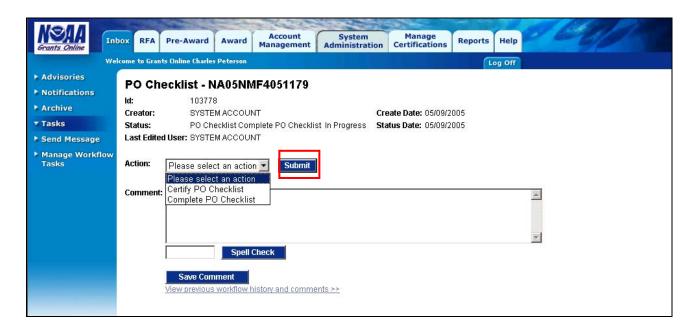
## 18. Funding amounts now match



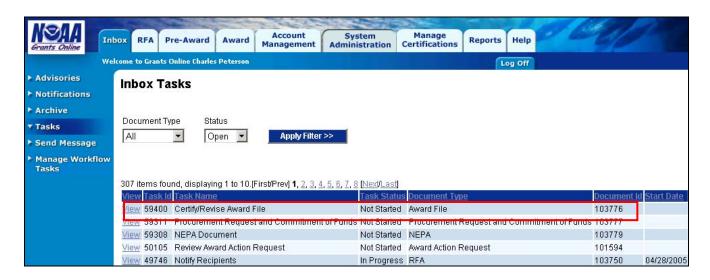
- 19. Finish reviewing the information on the checklist
- 20. Indicate a Special Award Condition when necessary
- 21. Attach Files when necessary
- 22. Click **Save** to capture the information on the page and stay on the page OR click **Save and**Return to Main to capture the information and go back to your task

Waiver of administrative and cost-related prior approval requirements Guidance				
Does the proposed award support research?  O NO O YES (include Special Award Condition) Special Award Condition				
O NO O TES (Include Special Award Condition) Special Award Condition				
☐ Initiate a one-time extension of the expiration date of the award of up to 12 months				
☐ Incur pre-award costs 90 calendar days prior to award				
☐ Carry forward unobligated balances to subsequent funding periods				
Absence for more than 3 months or a 25% reduction in time devoted to the project	by the a	approved project director or princip	pal investigator	
🔲 Inclusion of costs that require prior approval in accordance with the applicable cos	t princi	pals		
Transfer of funds allotted for training allowances to other categories of expenses				
Project Specific Information Guidance				
· ·	⊙ NO	O YES Enter Comments	Attach Files	
Will a VIDEO be created for public viewing as part of this project?	⊙ NO	C YES Enter Comments	Attach Files	
Is a SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRE required by the NOAA Program Office for this project?	No     No	C YES Enter Comments	Attach Files	
Will DOC/NOAA owned equipment be provided to the recipient to use for this award?	⊙ No	O YES Special Award Condition	Į.	
Transfer Information Guidance				
Does this award include and Federal funds that were transferred from another Federal	⊙ NO	OYES	Enter Comments	Attach File
agency specifically for this award?		If YES, enter transfer documents	;	
Programmatic Special Award Condition				
Is this award a Cooperative Agreement; are annual performance reporting requiremen			_	the recipie
there any NEPA mitigating factors, Post Award NEPA reviews, or any other programma'  Special Award Co		·	e award?	
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Additional Information				
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Save Save and Return to Main Cancel				
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- 23. Select Certify PO Checklist
- 24. Click Submit



25. Once you click Submit, the system brings you back to your task inbox. There you can see the task to Certify/Revise Award File has been generated.



#### **NEPA Document**

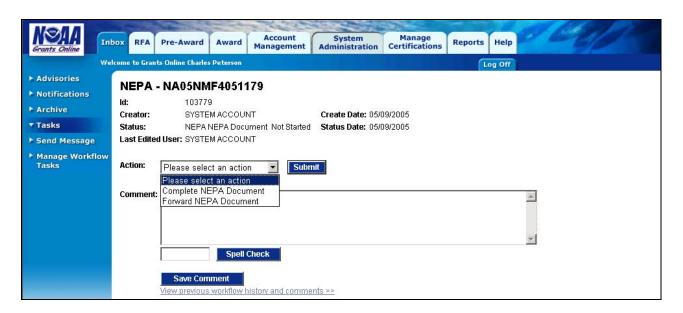
The NEPA document allows for you to attach the NEPA memo that was created for your organization.

# Completing the NEPA Document

Select <u>View</u> next to the NEPA Document task

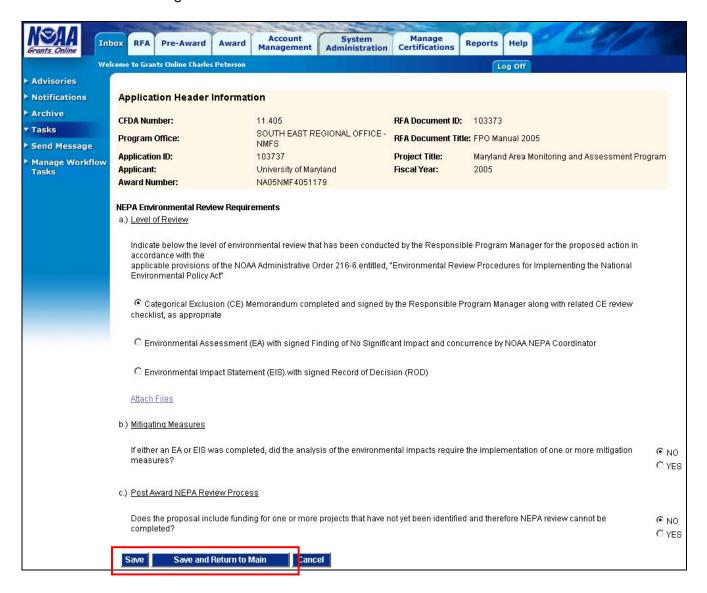


- 2. Task screen appears
- 3. Select Complete NEPA Document from action dropdown
- 4. Click Submit



### Completing the NEPA Document

- 5. Select Level of Review (most likely Categorical Exclusion)
- 6. Click link to Attach Files and upload the NEPA memo
- 7. Review Mitigating Measures
- 8. Review Post Award Review Process
- Click Save to capture changes and remain on the screen OR click Save and Return to Main to continue working on the task



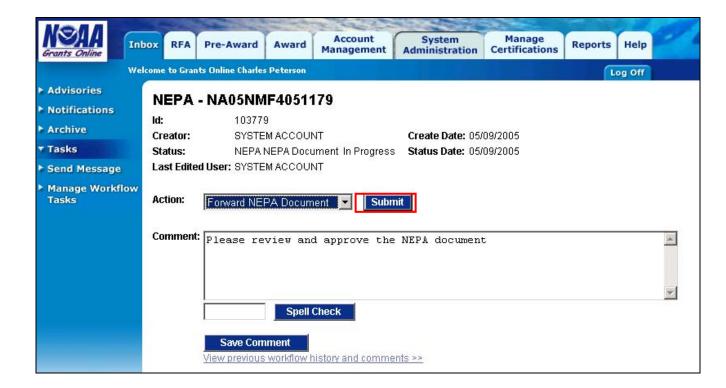
## Completing the NEPA Document

- 10. Select forward NEPA Document from the action dropdown
- 11. Enter comments if needed
- 12. Click Submit



### Warning!

Once you select Forward NEPA Document and click Submit, workflow is initiated. The NEPA Official will get a task to review the document.



# **Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds**

This document, which you most likely know of as the CD435 allows for you to complete the budgetary information that will later be signed off on by the Budget Officer.

### Completing the Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds

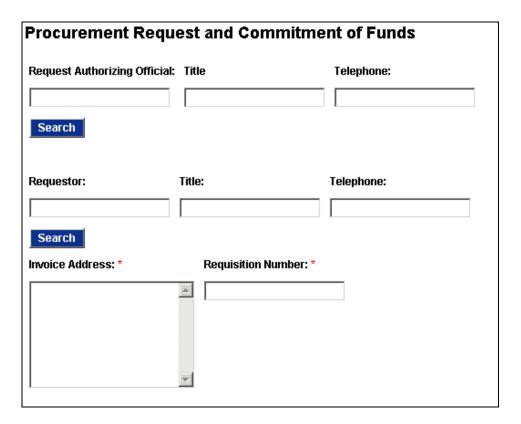
1. Select <u>View</u> next to the Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds task



- 2. Select Complete Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds from the action dropdown
- 3. Click Submit



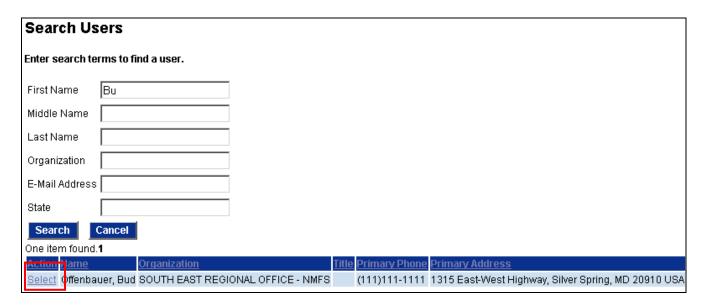
- 4. Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds screen appears
- 5. Click **Search** to select Request Authorizing Official (Budget Officer)



6. Enter Search Criteria and click Search



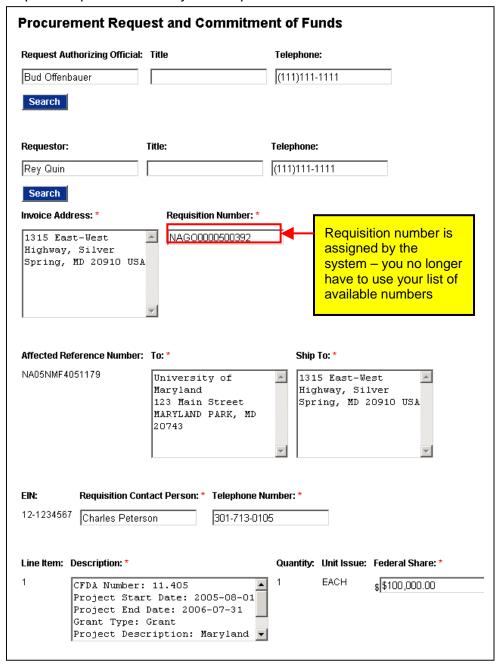
7. Select the person you were searching for by clicking on the **Select** link



8. That person's name is now listed on the Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds



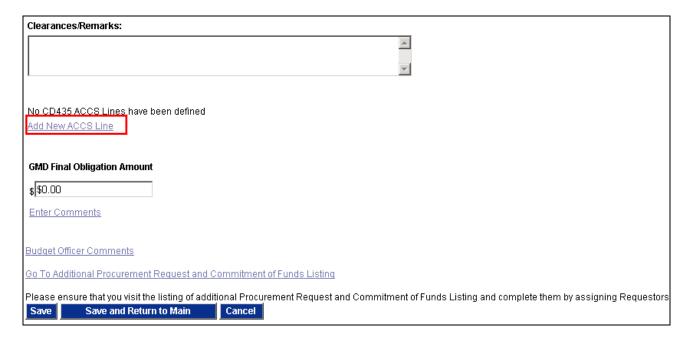
9. Complete steps 5-8 to identify the Requestor



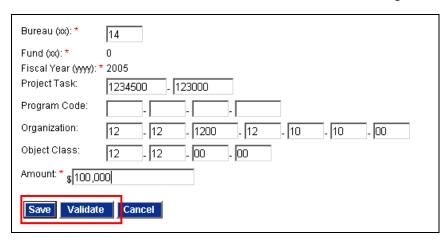


Note: Once the Budget Officer and Requestor are identified, the other mandatory fields will populate.

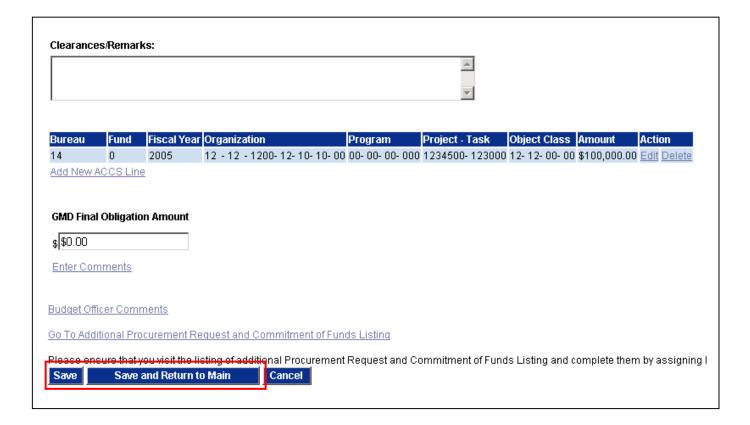
- 10. Enter any Clearances/Remarks
- 11. Click on Add New ACCS Line to enter budgetary information



- 12. Enter information into the following fields
  - a. Project Task
  - b. Organization
  - c. Object Class
  - d. Amount
- 13. Click the Validate button to check the funding codes
- 14. Click the Save button once the codes have validated, and the Program Code has populated



- 15. Enter as many ACCS codes as needed to sum to the dollar amount that is being dispersed this year
- 16. Click Save to capture the changes and click Save and Return to Main to finish the task



- 17. Once you are satisfied that the information on the Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds is complete, select Forward Procurement Request to Requestor from the action dropdown
- 18. Click Submit



### **Award File**

The PO Checklist, NEPA Document and Procurement Request and Commitment of Funds are all housed as part of the Award File. Once the NEPA Official, Requestor and Budget Officer sign off on their respective actions, you can forward the Award File to GMD. You can check the status of those documents by viewing the task to Certify/Revise the Award File in your inbox

# Certify/Revise Award File

1. Click View next to the Certify/Revise Award File task



## Certify/Revise Award File

2. Once the documents are approved, you can forward the Grants File to the Grants Specialist

